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Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

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Re: GN Docket 11-65

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

Madera, California, located just 38 miles from the geographical center of the state, is currently experiencing an unemployment rate of more than 15.2%, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' June 2011 report. As Mayor of Madera, I am acutely aware that our city of more than 61,000 residents needs more jobs as quickly as possible. That is why I am writing to urge you to approve the pending nationwide merger between AT&T and T-Mobile USA.

In addition to the improved service and expanded access to mobile broadband service to Maderans, AT&T's investment in the infrastructure of our area could help provide much-needed jobs for many of our citizens. Those Maderans who are currently employed by T-Mobile will become employees of AT&T, the only wireless company in the state whose employees enjoy the benefits and security of union representation.

Additionally, we recognize that the Internet, and fast, reliable access to it from a smart device is important to our residents and society as a whole. It can also be an effective tool in seeking employment, networking, continuing education and so much more. As we stand to benefit from the exciting things that will come about from this merger, it seems only fitting that we weigh in with our support towards making it a reality.

This merger between AT&T and T-Mobile USA is good for the country, for the State of California, and for the citizens of Madera. Please vote to approve this merger.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Poythress  
Mayor

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